



SAFETY MESSAGE

Personal Safety is our #1 priority

Bloodborne Pathogens, Compiled by USDA-APHIS-CCEP

What is the definition of a Bloodborne Pathogen?

Microorganisms which maybe present in human blood, body fluids and tissue and that may cause infectious disease.

Bloodborne Pathogens:

- A. Hepatitis B Virus (HBV)
- B. Hepatitis C Virus (HCV)
- C. Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)
- D. Ebola Virus

What is the concept of Universal Precautions?

All human blood and body fluids are treated as if known to be infectious for HIV, HBV, HCV and other blood borne pathogens.

***What is the purpose of the Bloodborne Pathogen Standard?

To limit the occupational exposure to blood and other potentially infectious material which could result in the transmission of bloodborne pathogens and which may result in disease or death. ***

How can an occupational exposure be prevented?

- Education and Awareness
- An Exposure Plan
 - Proper Hand washing (water, friction, and for 30 sec.)
 - The usage of PPE—gloves, masks, goggles
 - Equipment with safety features designed for injury prevention
 - Properly labeled container disposal for all sharp objects
 - Housekeeping
 - Decontamination of biological spills
- Post Exposure Review and Quality Assurance



Think, protect, and then respond to an injury!



<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/infectioncontrol.html>

http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owasrch.search_form?p_doc_type=STANDARDS